

24 August 2014 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

May God who gathers us around Himself in the Word and Sacrament to bless us with His forgiveness this morning be your source of comfort, strength and renewal as you worship today. In the Name of Christ, we are all called to come and hear that the Lord is Good!

Our Gospel reading is Matthew 16.13-20 and the response after it is read is, "**Praise be to thee, O Christ**" spoken in unity aloud.

Call to Worship: Psalm 138 Hymns: Opening #456 Prayer #443 Closing #511

Bible Studies this week: Thursday 10:30am or 7:00pm – Psalm 26

Please prayerfully consider joining us for our Annual Spiritual Retreat September 19-21. If you have never set aside two days to do nothing except get away with other believers, study the Scripture and focus on Christ, you owe it to yourself to come. It will be a great time of fun, fellowship and, most importantly, spiritual renewal. Please see the back of the prayer list for more information or call Al or Pastor Tom.

Mark you calendars for 18 October for our Fall Festival!! There are sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center for you to volunteer & there will be a meeting for planning this Tuesday at 10:00am at the church.

Please continue to submit any prayer requests for inclusion on the Prayer List. If you have submitted requests in the past, please review & let Pastor Tom know of any changes.

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Sermon Notes

Faith: Being Content with How Christ Works

Matthew 16.13-20

Two ways of working:
1. Religiosity = "leaven" vs. 5-12 - "!"
2. Revelation = Christianity vs.13-20 - "!"
One Declaration and Three Promises:
Declaration: You are right!
Promise # 1 – I will build church upon this Rock.
Promise # 2 – My church will
Promise # 3 – My church survives through two

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